and ever bowed down to hear us, and your blessed hands ever stretched out to relieve us We acknowledge, sacred Sovereign, in all duty and thankfulness we acknowledge, that before we call, your preventing Grace and all deserving goodness doth watch over us for our good, more ready to give than we can desire, much less deserve '

When he had spoken further and concluded his speech, after three low reverences made, he with d).e rest kneeled down, and the Queen began to answer herself

* Mr Speaker, We have heard your declaration and perceive your care of our State, by falling into the consideration of a grateful acknowledgment of such benefits as you have received , and that your coming is to present thanks unto us, which I accept with no less joy than your loves can have desire to offer such a present I do assure you that there is no Prince that loveth his subjects better, or whose love can countervail our love There is no jewel, be it of never so rich a prize, which I prefer before this jewel, I mean your love , for I do more esteem it than any treasure or riches, for that we know how to prize, but love and thanks I count inestimable And though God hath raised me high, yet this I count the glory of my Crown, that I have reigned with your lo\es This makes me that I do not so much rejoice that God hath made me to be a Queen, as to be Queen over so thankful a people Therefore I have cause to wish nothing more than to content the subject, and that is a duty which I owe Neither do I desire to live longer days than I may see your prosperity , and that's my only desire And as I am that person that, yet under God, hath delivered you, so I trust, by the Almighty power of God, that I still shall be

His instru-
ment to preserve you from envy, peril, dishonour, shame, tyranny and oppression, partly by means of your intended help, which we take very acceptably, because it manif esteth the large-
ness of your loves and loyalties unto your Sovereign Of myself I must say this I never was any greedy, scraping grasper, nor a strait fast-holding Prince, nor yet a waster My heart was never set on worldly goods, but only for my subjects' good What you do bestow on me I will not hoard it up, but receive it to bestow on you again Yea mine own properties I count yours to be expended for your good Therefore